

**5198. Adulteration of sweet potatoes. U. S. \* \* \* v. 12 Cases of Sweet Potatoes \* \* \*. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 7560. I. S. No. 709-1. S. No. E-660.)**

On July 1, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 12 cases, each containing 24 cans of sweet potatoes, consigned by J. T. Bothwell Grocery Co., Augusta, Ga., and remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the article had been shipped and transported from the State of Georgia into the State of Maryland, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On August 14, 1916, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

*CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*